

INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

**ON THE EIGHTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION**

MONDAY 27 June 2016

Programme

- 10:00 Welcome
Marc Finaud, Senior Programme Advisor, Emerging Security Challenges Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
Daniel Feakes, Chief, BWC Implementation Support Unit (ISU)
Camilla Waszink, Director Arms and Disarmament Programme International Law and Policy Institute (ILPI)
- 10:05 Brief introduction of participants (names, functions and what you hope to learn)
- 10:15 Panel/segment 1: The historical roots of biological weapons
- Politics, People, Science & Historical Roots (**Filippa Lentzos**, King's College London)
 - Biological weapons under international law: From the 1925 Geneva Protocol to the Biological Weapons Convention (**Caitriona McLeish**, Harvard Sussex Program)
- 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:45 Panel/segment 2: Current challenges and responses
- Challenges faced by the BWC (**Piers Millett**, Biosecure Ltd.)
 - The 2014/15 Ebola response (**Jetri Regmi**, WHO)
- 13:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00 Panel/segment 3: What does it mean to implement the BWC?
- A practical introduction to the BWC (**Daniel Feakes**, BWC ISU)
 - Article VII of the BWC (**Jean-Pascal Zanders**, UNODA)
 - Prohibit and prevent: National implementation of the BWC - a legal perspective (**Scott Spence**, VERTIC)

15:30 Coffee break

15:45 Panel/segment 4: Strategies for taking the BWC forward

- The Eighth BWC Review Conference – Process Overview (**Daniel Feakes**, BWC ISU)
- Strategies for taking the BWC forward (**Amb. Michael Biontino**, Germany, **Amb. D.B. Venkatesh Varma**, India, Panel discussion)

17:00 Feedback Session and Wrap-Up

17:15 Workshop Closure, followed by drinks